

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraphs starting at page 1, line 14 and ending at page 2, line 14 with the following replacement paragraphs. A marked-up copy of these paragraphs, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

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ai --An electrophotographic image forming apparatus is an example of such an image forming apparatus. With the electrophotographic image forming apparatus, an unfixed toner image corresponding to target image information is formed and borne on an image bearing member such as an electrophotographic photosensitive body by an image forming process using a heat-fixing visualizing agent (toner). The toner image is transferred by a transferring apparatus from the image bearing member onto a recording material, and the recording material having undergone the transfer of the toner image is introduced into a heating apparatus (heat-fixing apparatus), whereby the toner image is subject to a heat-fixing treatment as a permanently fixed image to be discharged as an image formed object (copy, print).

As the transferring apparatus used in such an image forming apparatus, a transferring apparatus of a noncontacting electrostatic transfer method is often used according to the recent tendency to eliminate ozone. The transferring apparatus of the noncontacting electrostatic transfer method is for applying a predetermined transfer bias from a power source to a transfer member such as a transfer roller located on a back side of a recording material, thereby attracting a toner image from an image bearing member with an electric force and transferring it onto the recording material.--

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Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 2, line 24 and ending at page 3, line 12 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

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a2 --A pressurizing roller as a pressurizing member used in the above-mentioned heating apparatus is often provided with a heat-resistant elastic body such as silicone rubber on a core metal, which is supporting body and has rigidity and further, provided with a fluorocarbon resin layer, if necessary. The heat-resistant elastic body is required for its function as a part constituting the rotational heating member and the press-contacting nip portion. The surface layer may be provided for the purpose of improving a releasing property in order to avoid stains when adhesion and deposition of dirty toner or recording material components caused by offset or the like on the side of the rotational heating member are serious on the surface of the pressurizing roller.--

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Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 10, line 17 and ending at page 10, line 23 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

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a3 --The recording material P with an unfixed toner image borne on its surface by the transfer is separated from the surface of the photosensitive drum and conveyed to the fixing apparatus 11 along the conveying guide 10. In the fixing apparatus 11, the unfixed toner image is heated and pressurized to be fixed on the surface of the recording material.--

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Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 14, line 20 and ending at page 15, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

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64 --Fig. 3 is a schematic view showing a structure of layers of the fixing film 25. The fixing film 25 of this embodiment has a three-layer structure. An innermost layer is a base layer 25c, which has a mechanical property such as torsion strength and smoothness and is made of a resin such as polyimide. The next layer is a conductive primer layer 25a. The conductive primer layer 25a is a conductive layer in which conductive particles such as carbon black are dispersed and whose resistance is reduced, and assumes a role of an adhesive for joining a third layer 25b and the base layer 25c. An outermost layer is the top layer 2b. The top layer 25b is designed with a resistance value and a film thickness that are matched to property of toner used for the image forming apparatus and conditions for constructing the image forming apparatus.--

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Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 15, line 17 and ending at page 15, line 22 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the amendments made thereto, is attached.

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65 --As the resin layer 26d, it is sufficient to provide a fluorocarbon resin layer or the like when high releasing property is required for the pressurizing roller 26 or, if necessary, to provide a plurality of resin layers when a surface property or the like is adjusted.--

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